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Called to order by Acting Chair Gary Foster at 2:03 pm

Present: J. Allison, R. Beck, G. Foster, F. Fraker, R. Gholson, W. Kirk, H. Nordin, J. Ozier, G. Richard, J. Schmidt, J. Tidwell, L. Walker, W. Weber, D. Wolf.

Absent: J. Simpson

Visitors: A. Moshtagh, K. Allee, C. Borzi, T. Weidner, M. McManus, J. Ferek, B. Cole, S. Wong

Minutes: A Motion Walker / Beck to approve the minutes of Oct. 3, '95 passed (11/0/3) with the following amendments: Senator Richard noted that in line 12 of II. A. 'and' should be deleted, and also in the first line of paragraph 2, II. B. Lanham should be inserted after Dean. Chair Foster stated that John Simpson requested the addition of the fact that he (John Simpson) volunteered to serve as Assistant Director of Student Life. Simpson also noted that in Communications under L., Library funding, Dr Whittenbarger supported the proposed formula. Dr Keiter stated to John Simpson that under II. B., line 6, it should have read 18 science journals, not 10.

Minutes: A Motion Walker / Beck to approve the minutes of Oct. 10, '95 passed (11/0/3) with the following amendments: Senator Ozier stated that under III. B., line 6, "it" should be clarified as an isolated word.

I. Communications:

A. Various phone conversations / messages to, from, and about: Jim Roust, the Union Bookstore; Harry Nelsen, Dave Henard, Tom Hiatt, and Tim Lewis, all of Computer Services. These gentlemen graciously agreed to attend the Senate at 2:00 pm on Oct. 24 to discuss matters pertaining to computers. Dave Henard asked that the Senate review pertinent information to be published in the Lincolnland Newsletter, 10-9 through 10-13.

B. Chair Simpson to the Senate stating that he has informed Jill Nilsen's office notified that French Fraker will represent the Senate on the Task Force on Administrative Evaluation. 10-11.

C. Minutes of the Intercollegiate Athletic Board meeting of 9-7-95, 10-10.

D. Memo from Charles Evans to the Senate regarding IBHE Articulation Initiative update (copies distributed) 10-10.

E. Memo and documents to Chair Simpson from John Beabout, Director, Radio and Television Center regarding revision of board by-laws and Faculty Senate representation (4 copies distributed to each Senator) 10-9.

F. E-mail: Gary Foster forwarded to Chair Simpson from Janice Coons informing the Senate that she represents the biological sciences for the Articulation Initiative, and she indicated that she is willing to speak to the Senate on the matter. 10-11.

G. E-mail to Chair Simpson from Dennis Jones offering his assistance to the Faculty Senate Budget Oversight Committee regarding the Telefund program. 10-11.

H. Phone call to Chair Simpson from Carla Evans, Development Office, offering her assistance to the Senate regarding the Telefund program. 10-12.

I. Phone call from Shirley Stewart requesting the Senate appoint one representative either from or for the Senate to the Search Committee for the Associate Director of Placement, 10-12. Senator Kirk volunteered to serve in this capacity. A motion (Tidwell / Allison) Passed unanimously after Senator Walker called for the vote.

J. Phone message from Mike Nibbelin, Accountancy and Finance, offering his service on CUPB (10-12). At this point, Senator Allison asked if others had come forward as well. Richard replied that several people had.

K. Senator Foster stated that he had received materials providing information related to student satisfaction and asked if any others had received this information also. The response was no, and therefore, Senator Foster asked if anyone knew who provided the information, and what the purpose of sending it to the Senate would be. The response to this question was also no. There is a call for the person or persons who had provided the information to contact Chair Simpson.

L. E-mail from Jeanne Simpson concerning UPC vacancy and the necessity for a special

election.

M. E-mail from John Best regarding the lack of candidates coming forth for this UPC vacancy.

N. E-mail from Phoebe Church stating that there was no COTE candidate coming forth from Physical Education.

O. Phone conversation with Jim Johnson offering his assistance in finding a candidate for CUPB. At this point Senator Allison asked if there would be an Executive Committee report, and he also stated that a meeting had taken place during a day he was ill. Acting Chair Foster indicated that he would offer a report later during the Senate's meeting.

P. Senator Allison delivered a petition signed by 122 faculty members calling for a referendum on the confidence language contained within the Senate resolution of 6/1/95. Allison stated that the petition meets the requirements delineated in Article XIII of the Faculty Senate Constitution and suggested that the Elections Committee examine the signatures and prepare for a referendum. Senator Foster asked Allison if he knew the author of this petition. Allison replied that the question was irrelevant, that the signers are the people who really hold ownership of the petition, and that the principle involved with the petition should not be obscured by making the issue a personal one. Allison emphasized that he didn't want the matter to degenerate into an ad homonym argument. Foster clarified that his concern was that the petition focuses on only part of the language within the June 1 resolution. Senator Kirk stated that he had been attempting to find out the identity of the author for some time, without success. Responding to Senators Foster and Kirk, Allison stated that he suspected that the petition focuses upon the confidence language from the June 1 resolution because the confidence language remains the main issue for faculty who were not afforded an opportunity to ratify it. Foster stressed his concern that the petitioners are responding to a very small part of the resolution, and also that they were taking words out of context. At this point, Senator Foster, as Acting Chair, reminded senators that the petition should be discussed under new business. Senator Allison mentioned that in any case, the terms of Article XIII had been met and that a sufficient number of faculty may petition for any referendum it chooses. Senator Gholson and others pointed out that important appointments were waiting for Senate action. Allison reminded senators that, barring any objection, they could by consensus agree to bypass other business and advance immediately to appointments, a suggestion that senators accepted.

II. Appointments / Elections:

A. Senator Richard stated that Karen Ketler, Computer Operations Management, had volunteered to serve on the Library Advisory Board in an alternate position. Richard also stated that it is a 3 year appointment. The committee itself moved, Senator Tidwell seconded, and the nomination carried 13/0/1.

B. CUPB: Senator Richard stated that there are two temporary replacement appointments for individuals from the College of Business and Applied Sciences who are on sabbatical. Six people came forward for these positions, of which the committee has two names that have been forwarded for approval. The replacement for Wayne Chandler is Matthew Monippallil, and the replacement for Deborah Woodley is Cheryl Knowles. The committee moved acceptance of these individuals as temporary replacements. Senator Walker seconded the motion, which passed 13/0/1. Senator Richard stated that the reorganization of the CUPB had resulted in some confusion, regarding regular status vs. alternate status. Richard stated that representation is 2 members per college area, the Faculty Senate appointments in the spring included one member and one alternate. The president's office made the alternate for this year a full status member, which means there is no alternate, and the persons who thought they were alternates must now serve. In addition the at large position is only one, and it is still in place. Richard stated that she would like to put together a memo of the current organization of the CUPB, reorganize people's terms and their status, and renotify people. Richard also made it clear that CUPB is set for this year. Senator Richard stated that she would bring that memo to the Senate next week. Senator Gholson questioned if Rori Carson could disregard the memo received on Oct. 12th. Richard replied in the affirmative.

C. COTE: Acting Chair Foster stated that there were two candidates from Physical Education, but that they both withdrew later. As it stands there is only one candidate from Special Education, Dr. Earl Cummings. Senator Allison moved to accept Dr. Cummings, and Senator Schmidt seconded, with the motion passing 13/0/1.

D. Concerning UPC, Acting Chair Foster indicated that there were no candidates, but stated that John Best, the chair of UPC, indicated that the opportunity was there for them to serve, and if they had no representative, that UPC would move along if they were so allowed. Foster also stated that he had received a phone call from Dean Johnson and that progress is being made.

III. Old Business:

A. Faculty / Staff Club: Vice-chair Foster welcomed Ali Moshtagh, President of the University Club. Dr. Moshtagh stated that he was concerned why the name changed from Faculty / Staff club to just Faculty Club upon the proposal's arrival at the Senate. Senators Kirk, Beck, Tidwell, and Allison agreed that there was no intention to change it at all, that the Senate just fell into discussing it that way, and that it was not an effort to omit Staff. Senator Beck expressed interest in a Faculty Club similar to those he is aware of at other universities --- a place where faculty could gather during different points of the day, a place to meet and to discuss things that faculty members tend to talk about. Allison noted his recollection of such arrangements elsewhere. Senator Kirk voiced opposition to an exclusionary group. Senator Gholson stated that a Faculty Club is a place, whereas the University Club is a social thing that includes staff and faculty alike. Gholson also stated that it was certainly not his intention to eliminate the University Club. Senator Allison mentioned that it may be feasible to secure a building that both groups could use and schedule cooperatively. He also stated that it seemed to him that a definite place was of interest to all concerned. Senator Beck stated that a true Faculty Club would offer a great opportunity to meet other faculty, considering the faculty are otherwise constrained most of the time to their own buildings. Stating the need for more information about the range of interests and options, Allison suggested creation of a two member ad hoc committee to gather information. Senator Kirk suggested that the Senate invite people from the original committee to speak at a Senate meeting to provide more information. All senators agreed that Senator Kirk's idea was a good starting point. Dr. Moshtagh offered his assistance in any way possible. Senator Foster stated that he would advise Chair Simpson to invite people, including Dr. Moshtagh.

B. Student Senate / Faculty Evaluations: Senator Ozier suggested that the matter should be brought to the Faculty Senate / Student Senate Relations Committee for their investigation and then brought back to both Senates for consideration. There was a question as to whether or not all faculty Syllabi are readily available to students at the library. No one had a sure answer. Senator Foster stated that the Senate should go ahead and forward the whole matter to the Faculty Senate / Student Senate Relations Committee for their consideration, as Senator Ozier had suggested. Senators agreed.

#### IV. Committee Reports:

A. Senator Walker stated that the parking committee was considering offering the students the hanging stickers as the faculty have, and raising the parking fees. Regular parking fees would go from \$35.00 to \$40.00, and reserved spaces, as in front of Old Main, would go up to \$100.00. Senator Nordin stated that these were just proposals, and when asked by Allison what the justification for the increase was, Senator Nordin stated that maintenance cost was the motivating factor.

B. Executive Committee: Acting Chair Foster stated that the Executive Committee met last week on 10/11 and that several things were discussed. One was that several bids had come in on the Buzzard Building within the parameters anticipated so that project is moving forward. Some discussion was given to the transition, made note of the fact that on October 20th the Senate will know the members of the new Board. It is a guess that the transition funds would range anywhere from \$100,000.00 to \$200,000.00 to help make the transition. There is intent to have the Association of Governing Boards to help in this transition. Foster stated that they would come in and do workshops with new Board members and/or administrators, and perhaps members of campus committees as well, for a very nominal fee of \$2,000.00 to \$3,000.00. But it is felt that it would help set the stage and define some tasks. At this point the Conflict of Interest Policy has tentatively been developed and agreed to. He stated that this was necessary in order for faculty who are seeking grants from outside the University. The Conflict of Interest Policy has to be on file before the grants can be obtained. Foster also said that this policy would be coming to Senate to be looked at. Acting Vice President Weidner emphasized that the policy has been made to be as unintrusive as possible.

#### V. New Business:

A. Petition : Senator Richard stated that the petition is not based on the resolution the Senate voted on. She also stated that no vote could be valid unless the whole resolution was there, and her concern is that what the petitioners want to vote on is not what the Senate voted on last June 1st. Senator Kirk concurred, and vice-chair Foster noted that it was a non sequitur. Foster also stated that the first three clauses address actions taken by the Faculty Senate and yet the referendum is on the president and not on the actions taken by the faculty Senate. Senator Allison stated that senators were interpreting the referendum in a variety of ways, with a desire to revise the document after faculty have already signed it. He also noted that the language taken from the resolution is the central language of the resolution -- the expression of confidence. He expressed that the probable originating motive for the petition was the Senate majority's refusal of faculty requests to ratify the Senate's confidence resolution, which was sent to the Governor, various legislators, and various newspapers. Senator Kirk stated that the language of the petition was taken out of context, while Senator Fraker mentioned that he took it as a yes/no on the President. Allison indicated that the Senate itself had created the issue by its own action of June 1. Senator Gholson insisted that he would offer no apologies, and Senator Walker and others indicated that no

one had requested an apology. Senator Kirk suggested that circulators of the petition misled the signers and that a number of faculty have told him that they wish that they could rescind their signatures. Senator Allison commented that the discussion was descending to an ad hominem attack intended to impugn people for exercising a right of petition. In addition, he expressed the view that faculty members tend to be well informed individuals who know what they are doing. The signers wish to send a message that when the Senate issues a confidence or a no-confidence resolution, the faculty must ratify the Senate's vote of confidence. Senator Richard stated her belief that Roberts' Rules disallows the splitting of resolutions to isolate a vote on one part. Senator Walker stated that the issue is about a petition brought forward from faculty members who have the right to petition for a referendum, not a resolution which the Senate is to vote on. Senator Gholson stated that further discussion should be an early agenda item for next week's meeting because the issue is important and deserves additional consideration. Senator Walker pointed out that the Constitution specifies a four-week deadline and stated that "the clock is ticking." Senators agreed to return to the subject of the petition the following week.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm

Tentative agenda: Petition, Telefund, Bookstore, Computer orders, Computer Services / Issues, Student Senate Faculty Evaluations.

*Respectfully Submitted,  
J.A.  
John Allison, Recorder  
Angela Maple, Secretarial Assistant*